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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

55884

Agenda Number

38.

Meeting Date:

March 31, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize ratification of an amendment to the contract with USIC LOCATING SERVICES LLC, for underground utility locating services, to increase the contract authorization for the current contract period in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,249,750.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Contract Ratification

Prior Council
Action:

March 3, 2011 - Approved original contract, item # 18.

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

March 21, 2016 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0-1 vote with Commissioner Norris absent.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

Additional Backup Information

The contract provides Austin Energy with ready access to equipment, materials, and qualified contract labor to safely and effectively provide underground utility locating services. The Contractor responds, as required, to all excavation notices directed to Austin Energy through the Texas One-Call Center or any other source in accordance with the current Texas Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act. Services include, but are not limited to, painting, flagging, and/or staking of utility lines in accordance with current state and Austin Energy specifications. These services are required for the purpose of safeguarding underground and subsurface facilities from excavation damage as mandated by Texas Administrative Code Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 18 and Utilities Code Title 5, Chapter 251.

Additional funding is needed due to continued development and construction in Austin Energy's service territory. Examples of development and construction requiring underground utility locating services include construction of new multi-use developments, apartment complexes, residential subdivisions and commercial developments; the widening of county roads and state highways; and the installation of telecommunications infrastructure.

The extent of the impact of area development and construction was not fully anticipated when the contract was renewed and the demand for this contract escalated far beyond original forecasts. In order to ensure Austin Energy's ability to meet obligations to perform underground utility locating services under the Texas Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, an amendment was executed on February 24, 2016 to immediately add authorization to this contract and bring forth this Request for Council Action for ratification.

CONTRACT SUMMARY

Action	Description	Authorization
Original Contract March 3, 2011, item 18	Original 24-month contract with three 12-month options	\$1,783,750
Administrative Amendment September 11, 2015	Increase of contract authorization	\$58,000
Administrative Amendment December 2, 2015	Increase of contract authorization	\$58,000
Amendment to be Ratified	Increase of contract authorization	\$350,000
Total Revised Contract Authorization		\$2,249,750